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English 2 (First Additional Language) – Grade 7

Welcome to your Conquesta Olympiad. When you have decided which of the answers is correct, scratch out the letter in the matching square on your answer sheet using **ONLY a black or blue ballpoint or black khaki pen.** (Do not use pencils, crayons, pencil crayons, highlighters, tippex or glue.) If the answer to question 4 is c, then scratch out the letter c in the square containing c next to the number 4 (see example 1 below). If you've made a mistake and b should have been the answer, neatly cross out the mistake and then scratch out b (see example 2 below).

Example 1:-

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Example 2:-

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Read the article and chart on squirrels to answer questions 1 – 11.

Squirrels

There are two kinds of tree squirrels in the northern forests, but they don't meet very often. Red squirrels are daytime squirrels. They spend the summer and autumn building huge storage nests of seeds. In the winter, families cuddle together in a hollow tree and wrap their fluffy tails around themselves for warmth. Young red squirrels like to play games with their brothers and sisters. Favourite squirrel games are pinecone toss and hide-and-peek. The kits like to play chase and have climbing contests too.

Flying squirrels are night time squirrels. Their name is a little joke. Squirrels can't really fly. They glide very well, though. Mother squirrel is the flight instructor and the leader of the family gliding games. The newborn babies aren't old enough to begin lessons, but a six-week-old kit has already learned how to do loops and spirals.

Chart:



Squirrel
(Red Squirrel and Northern Flying Squirrel)

- Baby name: Kit.
- Birthplace: Leaf-lined nest in a hollow tree.
- Birth weight: Flying squirrel, $\frac{1}{10}$ ounce; red squirrel, $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce.
- Adult weight: Flying squirrel, 5 ounces; red squirrel, 3 pounds.
- Littermates: Flying squirrel, 1 or 2; red squirrel, an average of 5 but could be as many as 10.
- Favourite food: Babies drink milk; adults eat pine seeds, nuts, tree bark, and buds.
- Parent care: Babies are cared for by mother and live in a nest shared by a large family. Everybody cuddles together for warmth.
- Enemies: Flying squirrel's enemies are owls, lynx; red squirrel's are hawks, lynx, wolverine. In addition, both are prey of the pine marten, a kind of weasel.
- Home: Pine forests of the taiga*.

* taiga – evergreen forests of sub-arctic land.

1. What is the **MAIN IDEA** of this article?

- (a) Both kinds of squirrels are very different from other animals.
- (b) Red squirrels and flying squirrels do not get along together.
- (c) Squirrels' babies are cared for by the mother and live in a nest shared by the family.
- (d) Red squirrels and flying squirrels are both alike and different.

2. Red squirrels and flying squirrels do not see each other often because

- (a) flying squirrels do not live in trees but red squirrels do.
- (b) red squirrels are daytime squirrels and flying squirrels are night time squirrels.
- (c) red squirrels and flying squirrels are bitter enemies.
- (d) red squirrels have time to play but flying squirrels have work to do.

3. This article talks about flying squirrels as 'a little joke'. Why is this?

- (a) They like to do loops and spirals.
- (b) They only weigh 5 ounces when adults.
- (c) They cannot really fly.
- (d) They like to toss pine cones.

